

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH.

Interesting from South Carolina and Georgia.

What General Bragg Thinks of Kentucky and What His Officers Think of Him.

Our Forces Bombarding Mackey's Point, South Carolina.

THE ARMISTICE QUESTION, &c., &c., &c.

We select the following interesting items of news from recent files of South Carolina and Georgia papers.

Bombardment of Mackey's Point, South Carolina.

[From the Savannah Republican, Oct. 29.] Passengers who arrived by the Charleston train last evening, report that the bombardment of Mackey's Point, which has been much used to Yankee commiseration, is a very serious matter. It is supposed that the Yankees are making good progress in their operations. They have taken the point, and are now in the process of fortifying it. The bombardment is continuing, and is expected to result in the capture of the point.

Washington News in the Rebel Capital.

[Correspondence of the Charleston Mercury, Oct. 29, 1862.] After yesterday's cold storm of rain, it is pleasant to see the sun's face once more. We have little news from the rebel capital, but a few items are of interest. The rebels are still in the process of fortifying Mackey's Point. They have also captured a number of Union soldiers, and are holding them as prisoners of war. The rebels are also in the process of organizing a new army, and are expected to launch a new campaign in the near future.

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THE REBEL CRUISERS.

Chase of a Side-wheel Steamer by the United States Steamer Kearsage.

Boston, Nov. 17, 1862. The United States steamer Kearsage, from Madeira, sailed for Gibraltar on the 25th ultimo. She reports (no date)—Chased and shot at by a rebel steamer for sixteen hours, but escaped during the chase. She was throwing overboard her cargo in boxes and keels.

Arrival of the United States Steamer Decatur.

The United States steamer Decatur, J. T. McKinstry, commander, arrived at this port yesterday morning, from a cruise in search of the rebel steamer Alabama. She sailed from the 5th inst., and has been cruising between the east end of Long Island and the coast of New York. She has captured a large number of vessels. She has returned for coal, and will probably sail again soon. She is at anchor off pier No. 4 North river.

The following is a list of her officers: Captain—J. T. McKinstry. First Lieutenant—G. C. Wills. Second Lieutenant—B. Ames. Acting Master—M. B. Ames. Surgeon—Bellevue Woodruff. Paymaster—Richard Washington. Chief Engineer—G. F. Felt.

The Anglo-Rebel Navy.

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CITY POLITICS.

The Democratic Conference.

AN ADDRESS WAS MADE BY TAMMANY TO HAVE THE CONTROLLER AND MOZART THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

The Old Wigwag was again the theatre of the deliberations of the Democratic Conference yesterday afternoon. The Council of forty-four, twenty-two from Tammany and twenty-two from Mammammy, met in the little chamber off the large hall upstairs, while their respective parties held noisy discussions in the lobby. It was very evident from the appearance of the little knots of politicians assembled in the lobby that the Democratic interest was not in the result of the conference, and the general feeling seemed to be for a harmonious adjustment of the difficulties between the rival committees.

About two o'clock the conference began business with closed doors, beyond whose threshold no outside barbs were allowed to stop. The members of the committee, too, confined themselves within the Council Chamber so closely, that not the slightest due to the proceedings could be had until the meeting was all over. Then, and not till then, was the result ascertained to a certainty.

It appears that after a very long session, lasting until half-past five o'clock, it was finally agreed that Tammany should have the Comptroller, and Mozart the Corporation Counsel, with one-third of the patronage of the Comptroller.

The disposition of the local nominations for Aldermen, Councilmen and School officers, will be left to the ward committees, with a recommendation to unite on all their nominations also.

This arrangement is supposed to secure the nomination for Corporation Counsel to Mr. George C. Genet; but who will get Tammany's endorsement for Comptroller is yet a mystery. There appears to be a most interesting diversity of opinion on the subject between the friends of the Committee, Boole and Judge Barnard. The last mentioned gentleman has been named as likely to receive the nomination, in case it is found impossible to agree upon Boole or Connolly.

Tammany Hall General Committee.

The Tammany Hall General Committee met at half past seven o'clock last evening, in the Old Wigwag, for the purpose of hearing the report of the Mayor and Tammany Joint Conference Committee of twenty, and taking action thereon, with a view to an equal division of office. Mr. Purdy occupied the chair, and the proceedings, which were of a very quiet and unexciting character, continued until about one o'clock.

The result of the session was that Tammany takes the Comptroller and Mozart the Corporation Counsel. A second session of the committee was held at eight o'clock, in the various Assembly districts of the city. The committee will meet again on Saturday.

Primaries of the People's Union Party.

In accordance with the orders of the People's Union General Committee the primary elections of that party were held last night, in the various Assembly districts of the city. The conventions will meet again on Saturday.

Republican Aldermanic Conventions.

The Republican conventions for the nomination of candidates for Aldermen in the wards having odd numerical designations, met last evening.

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Amusements Last Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

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NEWS FROM BURNSIDE'S ARMY.

Harper's Ferry, Nov. 17, 1862.

General Grant's army of eight hundred men has been driven from the vicinity of Harper's Ferry to clear away a bolt of timber. They were protected by eight hundred infantry and two guns. A squadron of rebel cavalry, unaware of our strength, appeared to reconnoitre, but were astonished to find themselves under artillery fire, and soon fled. The work then progressed unimpeded. A rebel scout was captured by the pickets with his horse and equipments to-day. He belonged to the Twelfth Virginia cavalry.

Saltmarsh Near Fayetteville.

Washington, Nov. 17, 1862.

The firing heard on Saturday morning occurred between Warrenton Springs and Fayetteville, and was an artillery duel between the rebels and a Pennsylvania battery. The casualties on our side were three men wounded.

Our New Baltimore Correspondence.

NEW BALTIMORE, Nov. 18, 1862.

Gold Reigns—Warrenton Springs on Monday—Early of South for the Winter—Skirmish at Chantilly—Going On—No appearance of the New Yorkers in Camp, &c.

I have no departure to make from the tenor of my last communication to you. Things are dull, unexciting, devoid of interest, and everything in a state of quietude almost bordering on stagnation. With the exception of a little skirmishing said to be occurring at a point not clearly located by its description, but known as the "advance," the whole army is at a stand still.

Brigadier General John Couchman arrived to-day from New York, where he has been for the last two weeks on a leave of absence, and immediately commenced his duties. He is a very able and energetic officer, and is well known to the army. He is now in command of the Second Corps, and is expected to launch a new campaign in the near future.

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